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RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//USDP/ISA/AP//  
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STATE FOR EAP/MLS, EAP/EP, INR, OES/STC, OES/IHA, MED, OGAC  
STATE PASS TO USAID FOR ANE AND GH  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA/AP (STERN)  
HHS/OSSI/DSI PASS TO FIC/NIH (RGLASS) AND OGHA  
(LVALDEZDMILLER/MABDOO)  
USAID FOR ASIA (MELLIS, DSHARMA, CJENNINGS) AND GH (KHILL,  
DCARROLL)  
CDC FOR COGH (SBLOUNT), CCID (SREDD) AND DIV-FLU(COX/MOHEN)  
USDA PASS TO APHIS, FAS (OSTA AND OCRA), FSIS  
BANGKOK FOR RMO, CDC (MMALISON), USAID (MACARTHUR/MBRADY/CBOWES),  
APHIS (NCARDENAS), REO (HHOWARD)  
BEIJING FOR HHS HEALTH ATTACHE (BROSS)  
PHNOM PENH FOR CDC INFLUENZA COORDINATOR(BBRADY)  
ROME FOR FAO  
VIENTIANE FOR CDC INFLUENZA COORDINATOR (ACORWIN)

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SUBJECT: AVIAN INFLUENZA: THIRD CONFIRMED HUMAN CASE IN PAST TWO MONTHS

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11. (U) In a conversation this afternoon with Health and Human Services officials at the U.S. Embassy, Dr. Nguyen Huy Nga, Director General of the Vietnam Administration of Public Medicine (VAPM), confirmed media reports that a 32 year old male patient in Kim Tan commune, Kim Son district, Ninh Binh province (about 100 kilometers south of Hanoi) was infected with H5N1. On February 5, the patient suffered from fever and had difficulty breathing. He was hospitalized on February 13 and was referred to the National Institute for Infectious and Tropical Diseases (NIITD) the same day. On February 14, the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology confirmed that a sample taken from the patient tested positive for H5N1. The patient slaughtered and ate sick chicken about two weeks before onset, likely during the Vietnamese Tet holiday. Vietnamese officials responding to the infection have not learned of any other suspicious human cases. Though the victim had slaughtered and consumed sick chickens prior to becoming ill, the Department of Animal Health within the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) has not yet officially reported a poultry outbreak in Ninh Binh.  
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